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Join with donations postmarked by Friday, July 29, 2011 to qualify as a founding member.

Make checks payable to: GA PHP, Inc.
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Dunwoody, GA 30338

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GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM, INC.

Our Mission is to improve patient care and safety through early detection, treatment and management of potentially impairing conditions in Georgia physicians.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Georgia Professional Health Program, Inc. (GA PHP) is a 501c3 non-profit foundation (pending) dedicated to the early identification, treatment management, and monitoring of healthcare professionals in Georgia who suffer from addiction and other mental health disorders. The GA PHP will be comprised of a staff, governed by a Board of Directors and an active relationship with the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

The GA PHP will focus on the health of physicians during its infancy. Many PHPs expand their scope to cover other healthcare professionals, including P.A.s, nurses, psychologists and pharmacists over time. Once formed, we will methodically determine if the GA PHP can expand its scope to these other professionals, many of whom are covered by other laws and licensing boards.

FUNCTIONS OF THE GA PHP

1. The **Education** of concerned parties, such as hospitals, medical associations, boards and malpractice carriers about mental health and substance abuse issues among Georgia healthcare professionals.
2. To promote **Prevention** and early detection of these conditions through lectures, seminars, and other training venues to interested groups.
3. To provide **Intervention** for physicians (the GA PHP will be initially limited to physicians) who need to enter medical care for mental health and substance abuse problems.
4. To **Monitor** physician's status and safety once primary treatment has been completed.
5. To **Coordinate** with and develop the trust of the Georgia Composite Board of Medical Examiners in order to balance a physician's need for care with public safety.
6. To oversee and provide **Quality Control** over the providers who offer treatment for Georgia physicians.
7. To engage in **Fundraising** through a variety of resources and concerned organizations in order to ensure that the not-for-profit foundation continues to survive and grow.
8. To provide **Resources and Support** for the families of Georgia healthcare professionals who are under the monitoring of the GA PHP.

Initially, the GA PHP will concentrate on items 4 and 5 due to the financial constraints of a startup organization.

THE GA PHP WILL:

- ◆ Be a member of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs, including access to 24/7 list serve, best practices, research, conferences, and education.
- ◆ Be founded as a not-for-profit foundation, governed by a Board of Directors.
- ◆ Have its monitoring program supervised by a Peer Review Committee comprised of experienced care professionals.
- ◆ Operate an informational website.
- ◆ Operate a crisis line, continuously accessible to healthcare professionals.
- ◆ Have a strong and mutually respectful relationship to the Georgia composite Board of Medical Examiners.
- ◆ Be led by a Medical Director who is an Addiction Psychiatrist or Addiction Medicine Specialist.
- ◆ Be run by an Executive Director and staffed by a Clinical Coordinator, Case Managers, and ancillary support staff who will report to the GA PHP Board of Directors.
- ◆ Obtain and maintain a physical office to meet with participants, house records, and hold clinical case conferences.
- ◆ Offer professional support groups, initially in the major metropolitan areas and eventually throughout the state. The GA PHP will explore the functionality of advanced monitoring techniques, especially telemedicine, for clients in rural areas.
- ◆ Charge participants, but, as part of the growth of the program, will develop additional funding streams to offset the cost for participants.
- ◆ Methodically expand the types of diagnoses it will manage:
 - Initially, the GA PHP will limit its management to healthcare professionals with substance use disorders.
 - When the PHP and Medical Board feel the PHP is ready, the scope of illnesses managed will expand to include other psychiatric and mental illness disorders.
 - Will be a resource for appropriate referrals for healthcare professionals with alleged sexual misconduct.

GA PHP FUNDRAISER EVENT

Saturday, August 27, 2011 * 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center

To be held at the conclusion of the Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine Summer Conference. Details to be announced soon. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/GSAMConference> and sign up for the GSAM mailing list to receive future details.